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Alhaj Khatib Iskandri, ex-Ambassador of Sierra Leone in Nigeria, is addressing the Seeratun Nabi Meeting held by the Ahmadiyya Community in Freetown (Sierra Leone). Hon. M. Mustafa is presiding.

سیرالیون میں سیرۃالنبی کے جلسہ میں الحاج خطیب اسکندری صاحب سابق سفیر سیرالیون برائے نائیجیریا آنریبل مصطفی صاحب کی صدارت میں آنحضرت صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی سیرت طیبہ پر لیکچر فرما رہے ہیں۔ آپنے اپنی تقریر میں اس بات پر زور دیا کہ مسلمانوں کو اپنی زندگیاں رسول اکرم کے اسوہ حسنہ کے مطابق ڈھالنی چاہئیں۔

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Notes & Comments

Fazle Umar Foundation.

It is very encouraging to note that promises worth more than two million and seven hundred thousand rupees have been received for the Fazle Umar Foundation. The major portion of this amount has come from the members of the Community in Pakistan. Our foreign Missions are also trying hard to keep pace but it is felt that they need to do much more than what they are doing at present.

Reading of the Holy Quran.

One of the blessed schemes that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III has inaugurated so far is that a vigorous campaign be made to see that every member of the Community, irrespective of his or her age, should be able to read the Holy Quran. Every Mission is expected to keep an up-to-date record of its activities in this connection.

Those who can read the Holy Quran should embark upon learning its meaning

Part-time Preachers.

So far five hundred people have offered themselves for part time preaching activities. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has expressed a desire that at least five thousand people should come forward for this sacred work,

Some of our Missions in foreign lands are also doing admirable work in this respect but the scheme has not gained the desired momentum there, as yet, or at least the reports so far received do not show that everyone has understood the significance of this scheme.

Tahrik-i-Jadid Week

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The first week of July was observed by the Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya as the Tahrik-i-Jadid Week and stress was laid on the fulfilment of the promises made towards the Funds of the Tahrik-i-Jadid. The Sadar (President) of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya—Mirza Rafi Ahmad Sahib—issued an appeal to the members of the Majlis in which he advised them to do all they could to make the collection and justify the hopes that Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, had placed in them ih this respect. He also appealed to them that having done their duty with full sense of responsibility, they should send their reports to the Central Offlce without any delay.

The first week of July has come and gone but we should like to say to everyone who is still waiting for the time when he would fulfil his promise, that earlier the payment is made, the better.

The Failing Church.

When almost fifty years ago, Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, started Missions in Africa, little did the people know that within half a century the tables would be turned on Christianity. Then it was felt and openly expressed by the Christian theologians that Islam would be wiped out of Africa.

The idea of the decadence of Christianity could never cross any mind. But the tide has been turned. The Christians have now no other topic to discuss than the failing of Christianity and the onward march of Islam.

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"The Church and the people" is a recent discussion between the Clergy and the laymen published in the Sunday Times of Nigeria. In it the writer (or the Reporter) has collected the opinions of the people from various walks of life : some Bishops and other church leaders.

The Rt.Rev.Seth Kale, Anglican Bishop of Lagos is reported to have said in a speech at the University of Nigeria that Christianity has not done for Africa as much as it has done for other peoples of the world.

ISLAM, much more popular.

The Indus Times recently published the following report of a speech of Dr. Charles Eddes, Chairman of Board of Islamic Studies, U. S. A. The report is reproduced in full :

Islam is much more popular in Africa than Christianity

KARACHI May 14—Prof Dr. Charles Edddes, chairman of Board of Islamic Studies. U.S.A. exhorted the Muslim countries of the world to keep the example of the Holy Prophet before them and spread education to take an active part in the advancement of knowledge and world peace.

Speaking at the Institute of International affairs, he said, Islam as a religion was a cohesive force more strong than found in other religions. Islam transcends the barriers of colour, caste and creed and there is nothing which bars the Muslims from becoming more advanced and participate in the promotion of world peace he said. Islam had more popular appeal than any other religion.

Islam is the religion of peace and is meant for the entire humanity. The Islamic world by mutual cooperation and collaboration can do a lot to promote world peace and economic development he said.

He said the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) though himself not knowing reading or writing recognised the importance and virtue of education and exhorted the Muslims to take to education which he said, was the keystone of the advancement of mankind.

Prof. Eddes is currently on a tour of Middle East and the Muslim world. He said the Muslim countries, most of which had attained independence from the colonial rule after the Second world war abound in natural resources but these resources had not been properly harnessed and tapped.

Prof. Eddes said that many scholars and thinkers in the western world today believed that a third bloc of a Muslim world will come into being in not too distant a future not only for the good of Islam but for the good of the entire humanity.

Talking about the increasing popularity of Islam as a religion he said that conversion rate in Africa alone was nine to one in favour if Islam over Christianity.

Prof. A.B.A. Haleem, the President of the Institute, introduced into the gathering later he answered a number of questions. He also referred to the contribution of Muslims to Education, science and world civilisation. It is because of the contribution of Muslim scientists and scholars that we have been able to achieve so much in the field of science today. He replied to a questioner.

He did not agree with a questioner that Muslims had not contributed to science and advancement of education—App.

Translation :

Writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

TRIUMPH OF ISLAM

(فتح اسلام)

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For as you visualise evil and try to stop it by making it the target of the arrows of necessary pieces of advice and to bring the normalcy of the morals back like that part of the body which has been dislocated—it cannot be done as nicely in the absence of the sick as in his presence. That is why God sent thousands of prophets and Messengers and commanded the people to benefit from their company so that the people of every age should bear witness to the good examples of the prophets and also to the word of God and thus try to follow their footsteps. Had it not been necessary to keep the company of the righteous people, God would have sent down His word by some means other than the media of the prophets or He would have limited the coming of the prophets only to the early days of human existence on this earth and would have done away with this system for the future. But the great wisdom of God did not do that, rather whenever the need has arisen i.e. whenever the fear of God, righteousness and piety have been on the decline, holy men have been receiving revelation from God and presenting themselves as a model for men. These two things have always been going on side by side that if God has always willed the reformation of the people such people have always been raised whom God had granted insight and made them walk on the path of His pleasure with steadfastness. It is quite certain and in fact it is an admitted fact that this great work of reformation of the people cannot be successfully done through paper work. In order to achieve this objective it is essential that the same path should be followed as was followed by the holy prophets of God in the days gone by. As soon as Islam was ushered into the world, it established firmly those effective methods in such a way that the like of it cannot be found in other religions. Who can show us such a large number of people (the number exceeds ten thousand) who with perfect faith, humility and hard work and complete concentration sat day and night at the door of the Prophet in order to obtain and learn cruth. There is no doubt about it that Moses was also given a Party of men but what a party it was and how rebellious and self-conceited and devoid of spiritual company and away the from truth they were. Those who study the Bible and the Jewish history know it full v ell. But so far as the companions of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, are concerned they were in the affairs of their Prophet so united and had such spiritual oneness that according to Islamic brotherhood they were really and truly like one body and the light of prophethood had so permeated in the open and secret parts of their daily life that they had become a reflection of the Holy Prophet. This great miracle of internal change which turned the indecient idol-worshippers into perfect worshippers of God and changed those who were immersed in the worldly affairs all the time into people of great relationship with God that they shed their blood like water in His way. It was indeed the result of living a life in the company of a true and perfect Prophet. That is why my humble self has been raised in order to upkeep this practice and I would like that the number of those who come and stay with me should continue to increase, and such people as are anxious to increase their faith, love and certainty should remain in my company day and night and such spiritual lights should be manifested to

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Rabwah Diary

Khutbas

On the 10th of June, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, in his Friday Sermon, advised the Community to understand what really virtue is and what is meant by Taqwa (fear of God). He commented upon the verse of the Holy Quran : "It is not righteousness that you turn your faces to the East or the West but truly righteous is he who believes in Allah and the Last Day and the Angels and the Book and the Prophets, and spends his money for love of Him, on the kindred and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer and those who ask for charity, and for ransomig the captives; and who observe Prayer and pays the Zakat, and those who fulfil their promise when they have made one, and the patient in poverty and afflictions and the steadfast in time of war; it is these who have proved truthful and it is these who are the God-fearing."

In order to bring the point home he laid stress on being sincere in everything wedid and also to keep in mind that only the best was good enough for us.

In his Friday Sermon on the 17th of June, Hazrat Sahib, dilated on the need of being patient. He remarked that there never has been a divine community which did not have to pass through trials and tribulations Why should then, he asked, the Ahmadis expect that all will be bed of roses for them. He also made mention of the heavenly rewards for those who made sacrifices in the way of God. He recited this verse : "you shall surely be tried in your possessions and in your persons and you shall surely hear many hurtful things from those who were given the Book before you and from those who set up equals to God. But if you show fortitude and act righteously that indeed is a matter of strong determination."3:87

He, then, talked of various kinds of trials mentioned in this verse. Though the Community had its difficult times, yet as compared with the divine communities in the past, these difficu ties were but insignificant and therefore we should always be in preparedness for greater hardships and we should always pray to God that He should grant us steadfastness.

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Out of Rabwah

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, spent a few days out of Rabwah. He went to Murree, near Rawalpindi. Though the place is cooler than Rabwah, he had some boils and also some temprature for some days.

Seeratun Nabi Meetings

Seeratun Nabi Meetings were held throughout Pakistan on the 2nd of July. At Rabwah, the meeting took place at the spacious Masjid Mubarak where a large number of Ahmadis—men, women and children—paid their humble tributes to the greatest of all the prophets, the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him.

Maulana Qazi Mohammad Nazir spoke about the spiritual influence of the Holy Prophet and in this respect referred to the great change that took place in connection with the belief about the Deity—the idol worshippers became staunch believers in the oneness of God. He further remarked that the Holy Prophet did not only give the people the dogmatic belief in God, he even made them so righteous and pious that they began to feel the existence and nearness of God.

Maulana Abul Ata told the audien-

ce what the Holy Prophet had done for the world peace. He made mention of the equality of man to man and how the Founder of Islam practised it. He cited a number of instances to show that world peace was very dear to the Prophet and he gave the most practical teachings for its achievement.

The meeting was closed with praise and prayer for the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him.

Ta'limul Quran Class

The Ta'limul Quran Class which is held every year for one month was this year inaugurated on the 2nd of July by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III at the Masjid Mubarak. Members of the Community from difference parts of Pakistan took part.

In his inaugural address he Khalifatul Masih told the participants that the mere knowledge of the Holy Quran could not help ; it it was most essential that the teaching of the Holy Quran should be put into practice and a sound relationship established with God. In this respect he dilated on ten branches of knowledge the acquistion of which was necessary for the attainment of nearness to God.

At the end of his speech, he prayed for the class that it may go well and those taking part may receive full benefit of it.

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them as to me and they should have the same interest as I have so that the light of Islam may spread all over the world and the black spot of hatred and humiliation may be washed away from the forehead of the Muslims. It is with this good news that God has sent me and He has said 'walk about with pleasure that your Time has arrived and the foot of the followers of Mohammad is well established on a high minaret. (to follow)

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Missionaries' gift for visiting ulema

A delegation of the Organisation of World Muslim Missions led by Maulana Muhammad Sharif, a missionary from West Africa, on Thursday met the visiting Chinese ulema delegation and presented them a copy of the Holy Quran and a copy of the book entitled "Philosophy of Islam."

The book has been translated into Chinese language for their ready use. Another book, "Economic System of Islam", was also presented them by the delegation.

The Chinese ulema appreciated the efforts of the organisation in translating the book into Chinese.

Pakistan Times of 24th June, 1966.

MISSION NEWS

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Ahmadiyya Mission, Frankfurt

Hereunder are a few items showing the daily activities of the Ahmadiyya Mission, Frankfurt, W Germany. Maulvi F. I. Anwari is the Missionary incharge of the Frankfurt Mission. Friends are requested to pray for all the Ahmadiyya Missions all over the world that God may bless their efforts and the light of Islam may shine brighter than ever before. Amen.

A group of 30 students of St. Bernhard Church visited the Mosque accompanied by their religious instructor. The Imam spoke on Islam before them, pointing out some of its outstanding features, with special reference to the Islamic conception about Jesus Christ (may peace be on him) and his second Advent. This was followed by a discussion in which some more aspects of Islam were brought to light.

Another group of 60 Germans from Biebrich. both men and women, visited the Mosque. The Imam, apart from introducing them with the Islamic teachings in general, let them listen to the tape-recorded recitation of the Holy Qnran and Aazn, and answered their questions at the end.

A third group of 30 persons from Cramberg visited the Mosque accorded to the time appointed. The Imam spoke to them on Islam and its teachings with regard to society, morals and women. He read out some relevent pieces of the Holy Quran, giving translation. In the discussion which followed the speech he answered questions.

On the invitation of a High School Mr. Czolsch also represented Islam before upper class students. In this healthy discussion in which the teachers also took part themes like Trinity, Islam and Christianity etc. were dealt with.

Mr. Mahmud Ismail Czolsch, our German brother, spoke before 40 high class students of the Lessing High school, Frankfurt and discussed sources of Islamic theology, relation of Islam with other religions and various other topics.

A group of 60 students of the "Evangelische Jugend" from Wupperthal paid a visit to the Mosque, aecompanied by their priest. The Imam spoke before them on the two themes alrady agreed upon :

(a) Die Bedeutung Jesuim Islam (The significance of Jesus and

(b) Die Zukunftserwartungen in Islam (his seeond advent in Islam)

This was followed by a discussion led by our brother, Mr. Mahmud Ismail Czolsch. Four of the group who showed more interest, stayed behind to have a lively discussion more than 90 minutes, were entertained and provided with literature.

A group of 10 Yogoslavian Muslims was received by the Imam and given information they wanted as regard to the permission and prohibition of marriage among relatives.

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